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Bishop Monkton Parish Council Minutes

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOP MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD 15th OCTOBER 2024 IN THE METHODIST ROOM.

Commenced: 19.04 hours

Concluded: 21.48 hours

Attending: Cllrs Verrill (Chairman) Parsons (Vice Chairman), Culshaw and Oliver.

Also Present: S Reid (Clerk), Cllr N Brown and 6 members of the public.

Meetings are open to the press and public by virtue of the Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960 (s1) unless the presence is prejudicial to the public interest (s2)

- 2024/112 Introduction from the Chairman and a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting.**
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- 2024/112 To receive any apologies.**
Apologies were received from Cllr Sargeson.
- 2024/113 To consider the apologies and decide whether to approve reasons for absence.**
RESOLVED That the apology received from Cllr Sargeson be approved.
- 2024/114 Declaration of Interests**
- a) To receive any declarations of interest.
There were no declarations of interest.
- b) To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation
There were no applications for dispensation.

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Dated _____



2024/115 **To approve the minutes of the Bishop Monkton Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held Wednesday 11th September 2024.** (Circulated under separate cover)

RESOLVED That the minutes from the meeting of Bishop Monkton Parish Council be approved as a true record of proceedings.

2024/116 **Public Participation**

To convene a public participation session to allow members of the public to make representation in respect of the business on the agenda. No resolutions can be made under public participation.

NOTE: The public participation session shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chairman and each member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. A question at the meeting shall not require a response or debate during the meeting. The Chairman may direct that a written or oral response may be given.

- Request to be allowed to bring Harmony Energy to the table. Chairman allowed this. A drainage management report has been digested which states that it is in flood zone1 therefore unable to flood. NPF item 164 should be viewed relating to this planning application.
- There is an outstanding reply from the planners to former Cllr Garnett's letter
- Requet for assistance from the church at St Johns in grass cutting.

2024/117 **To receive a report from Cllr Nick Brown of North Yorkshire County Council.**

- Cllr Brown reported that forum meetings to take place in Coronation Hall, recommencing November, all being well.
- Teams meeting with Yorkshire Water who state they have no money to invest, although they did defer to BM and say that if there any signs of sewage on the street it has to be reported to YW and a reference number obtained. They have been trying to place the blame on residents.
- MP Alec Shelbrooke had a meeting with YW. He is waiting for information and will circulate it.
- YW are not a statutory consultee in planning matters. It is in their interest for development to take place as YW allegedly receive payment from this.
- There is a continued call for sites in respect of planning as part of the local plan.
- The government has almost doubled the housing allocation they wish to see in North Yorkshire. Communication is taking place, final figures have not yet been agreed.
- NB attending the Avant meeting in the village hall.
- Cllr Brown still has some locality budget to spend if the council has any projects they would like to apply for a grant towards.
- NYC still continue to have to make savings. They are looking into how to facilitate this.

2024/118 **Clerk's report.** To note the clerks report.
The clerk's report was noted.

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Dated _____



2024/119

Financial matters.

- a) To approve the payments as per the schedule attached.
RESOLVED That the payments listed in the schedule be approved.
- b) To note the contracted ongoing payments.
The contracted payments were noted.
- c) To note the bank reconciliation.
The bank reconciliation was noted.
- d) To consider the budget re-set.
RESOLVED That members approved the amendments made to the budget by the clerk for the rest of the fiscal year 2024/2025.

2024/120

Planning matters.

- a) To consider and make observations on the following planning applications.
 - Application number ZC24/02910/FUL – Erection of an agricultural building at Monkton Mains, Wormald Green HG3 3QA
RESOLVED That the Parish Council had no objections.
- b) To note planning decisions as per attached document.
 - Application number ZC24/03018/DISCON – Bishop Monkton Methodist Church HG3 3QN
The planning decision was noted.
- c) To note planning enforcements as per attached document.
 - To note the update on planning enforcement ref 24/00268/BRPC15 regarding planning application 21/01715/FUL / ZC23/03898/DVCON – The Lamb and Flag Inn.
The planning enforcement was noted.

2024/121

Ongoing matters.

- a) To receive an update from the working party in relation to the plan to provide an item to celebrate the Coronation of HM King Charles III, namely the Coronation Walk and decide any action as appropriate. (Cllr Culshaw)
Cllr Culshaw reported that a meeting has taken place with 2 of the land owners who are happy to support the project. There is still one other land owner to meet to confirm they are agreeable to their land forming part of the walk.
The update was noted by members.

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- b) To receive an update on highways matters, including traffic calming on Knaresborough Road and Moor Road, and consider any action required. (Cllr Verrill)
Cllr Verrill reported that there is a photo of 30mph sign showing the foliage on moor road. Various traffic calming matters are been investigated, including VAS signs. Possible financial funding available from Ward Councillor. Highways ignoring communications at present. Members happy for this to happen.

Cllr Parsons has contacted NYC re cherry trees and trees on the beck. NYC has agreed to come out and investigate what needs to be done.

A Highways forum is to take place of which Cllr Parsons indicated she would be willing to attend.

The update was noted by members.

- c) To receive an update from Cllr Culshaw on the current position in relation to the history board.

Point of Order – would like to change the wording to approve the purchase. Cllr Culshaw has circulated the update showing ‘you are here’ sign. Final cost for this is £1390 + £220 for delivery.

RESOLVED That Cllr Culshaw to instruct Red Bonsai to proceed with the lectern.

- d) To receive an update in relation to the Deed of Easement between Yorkshire Water, Kebble Homes and Bishop Monkton Parish Council. The clerk updated members of the current position and advised she was having a meeting with the Solicitors and would update further once that had taken place.

Cllr Verrill started talking about the S104 agreement which had been signed in 2018 stating it wasn’t legal, the PC should have received compensation for YW using PC land, that the Solicitor had previously declared an interest and therefore couldn’t act for the PC. Cllr Verrill was adamant he would attend the solicitors with the clerk and required members to vote to allow him to do this.

The clerk advised that the motion is only to receive an update from herself in relation to the Deed of Easement and a vote could not be taken. Cllr Verrill insisted on a vote from members, which the clerk advises does not stand.

The clerk advised that she would not attend the Solicitors with Cllr Verrill. Her reason for this being that the motion was to receive an update only from the clerk, and the vote requested by Cllr Verrill was unlawful.

- e) To receive an update on the valuations of the Pinfold land following the request by the residents of Burngarth to purchase the Pinfold land. (Cllr Sargeson).

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The resident has had valuations from Verity Frearson & Myrings, both coming in at £1K. The sum of £1700 has been put to him which he is happy to consider but would like more info on how the council has arrived at this figure.

The question was asked if the council had to open the sale to others.

RESOLVED That the clerk will check the position on selling council land. Members to advise how the calculation of £1700 has been arrived at.

- f) To receive an update on the provision of blue historic signs to be located in prominent positions within the village.
The clerk advised she had written to the head of the History Group asking if this was something the group thought would be beneficial to the village. She has not received a reply.
A member of the History Group was present at the PC meeting. They are going to remind the group of the request.
- g) To receive an update on the actions taken by the team at the sports and playing field in relation to the play inspection report.
The Cllr responsible for the playground checks has carried one out. He is going to document this and advise of any works which need to be carried out.
- h) To receive an update of the provision of a waste bin to be located on the A61 at the top of Moor Road. (Cllr Parsons)
Local council has been contacted by Cllr Parsons who have advised that they will contact her if one can be installed.

2024/122

New matters and correspondence.

- a) To consider the work of the volunteers in the cemetery and the annual grant from the Parish Council towards the costs of same.
The resident who organises the work will advise when they require more funds.

20.19

Cllr Brown entered the meeting.

- b) For members to consider replacement of certain street signs in the village (to be detailed).
RESOLVED That a list be made which signs need replacing.
- c) For members to agree whether they require sight of requested agenda items at the same time they are sent to the clerk, or if they would prefer for the documents to be just included in the agenda pack.
RESOLVED That new items be circulated to all members. Updates on motions to be sent directly to clerk.
- d) For members to consider the purchase of a Poppy Wreath for the Remembrance Day Service to be held in the village.
RESOLVED That the clerk purchase a poppy wreath.

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- e) To consider the request from Ward Cllr Brown for thoughts in relation to funding for the role of Forum Secretary.

The clerk advised members that the council has no power to spend on such an item and this would be unlawful.

Cllr Verrill proposed that BMPC support this and provide funds as Cllr Brown has been very good in supporting the council in the past. Cllr Brown stated that if BMPC don't support funding the forum then they will be excluded from it.

RESOLVED that a payment of £97 be made. The clerk to contact Skelton council to find out where to send the funds.

21.00 Members approved to suspend standing orders.

- f) To consider and approve the Locum Clerks contract.
RESOLVED That the contract be agreed. Cllr Verrill signed this on behalf of the council.
- g) To consider and agree to appoint an internal auditor for 2024/2025 at a cost of £208.33 and waive the requirement to seek three quotes as stated in the financial regulations.
RESOLVED That this be approved.
- h) To agree a date for the Extra Ordinary meeting.
RESOLVED That the date for an Extra Ordinary Meeting be agreed for Wednesday 23.10.2024 commencing at 19.00 in the Methodist Hall.
- i) To note the communication from NYC regarding support during a flood incident, especially with regards access to sandbags.
The communication was noted. The clerk to put on social media. Cllr Culshaw to take to Beck/Flood Committee.
- j) To note the latest update with regards to S106 (Commutated Sums) funds available to Bishop Monkton.
The update was noted.
- k) To receive a presentation from the Guardian for the defibrillator located at the Masons Arms and consider the request for the supply of a motion sensor light by the unit.
The clerk advised that it is not possible to have an account with the providers of the pads.
Guardian requested a light to be supplied to enable ease of access to the defibrillator box at the Masons.
RESOLVED That Cllr Verrill purchase a lamp to the maximum value of £100.
- l) To consider a request from a resident for assistance from the Parish Council in relation to a litter picking group they are organising.

Signed _____

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Cllr Parsons to speak to highways to see if she can get free vests and pickers. She will advise the resident of outcome.

- m) To consider and agree to appoint an internal auditor and waive the requirements to seek three quotes as stated in the financial regulations. The Clerk has already authorised this under emergency powers. Members noted this fact.
- n) For members to note the items arising from the locum clerk's work, as per the attached report. The update was noted.

2024/123 To agree items to be communicated to residents, and the methods to be employed.

Sheila to do litter.
Street signs.
Extra Ordinary Meeting
Cllr Brown Forum
Sand Bags
Defib

2024/124 To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda at the next meeting.

2024/125 The next Ordinary meeting of Bishop Monkton Parish Council will be held Tuesday 19th November 2024 in the Methodist Room. *The latest date for members to submit items for consideration on the agenda and reports on tasks is Monday 11th November 2024.*

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